

Amendments to the Specification:

1. At page 5, line 6, please replace the paragraph beginning "Looking first to Figures 1 and 2" with the following:

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Looking first to Figures 1 and 2, there is illustrated a mower cutting deck 10 disposed with ground engaging wheels 12 and having two cutting chambers 14. The chambers 14 are comprised of top surfaces 16 and depending surrounding skirts 18. Enclosed within each chamber 14 and thus, surrounded by a skirt 18, is a cutting blade 20 connected to a spindle 22. Attached to the deck 10 is a washing device 24 intended to deliver water to remove debris from an underside surface 26 of each of the chambers 14. The device 24, as shown in the enlarged views of Figures 3-5, includes a bracket 28 having a straightened portion 30 and an angled portion 32. Each of the portions 30, 32 have respective holes 34, 36 therethrough. Attachment of the device 24 to a flange 38 of the deck 10 is made by inserting a bolt 40 through the straightened portion 30 and thereafter, into a corresponding hole 42 provided in the flange 38. In order to secure the device 24 to the flange 38, a nut 44 is mounted to the bolt 40 on a side of the flange 38 opposite that from which it had entered. As seen in Figure 3, passed through and attached to the angled portion 32 of the bracket 28 is a quick attach fitting 46 and having an opening 48 therein. Connected to the fitting 46 at opening 48 is a tube 50 which provides an elongated portion for delivery of a cleaning agent, such as water, to the chambers 14. Rigidly secured to an opposite end 52 of the tube 50 is a mounting plate 54 having at least three holes 56, 58, 60 therethrough, as illustrated in Figure 5. Each of the three holes 56, 58, 60 is located in the middle of the plate 54 and along a longitudinal axis thereof. The middle hole 58 is a flow hole to which the tube 50 is directly connected so as to allow the flow of water therethrough. Each of the connections, that is, the fitting 46 to the bracket 28, the tube 50 to fitting 46 and bracket 28, and the tube 50 to the mounting plate 54 are preferably made by welding so as to form a one-piece construction among the respective parts. Further, bracket 28, fitting 46, tube 50, and mounting plate 54 are, preferably, made of metal.

2. At page 6, line 3, please replace the paragraph beginning "As shown in Figures 3-5" with the following:

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As shown in Figures 3-5, coupled to mounting plate 54 is an elongated assembly 62 having arcuately shaped portions, the assembly being provided for dispersing water throughout the chamber 14 and onto its underside surface(s) 26. The assembly 62 consists of first and second liquid dispersion plates 64, 66, respectively, mounted to each other by a bolt 68 and nut 70 associated with holes 72, 74, respectively. Holes 72, 74 correspond to and align with holes 56, 60 of mounting plate 54 to permit a smooth and uninterrupted flow of water through middle hole 58. As shown in Figure 2, first plate 64 is flat and is constructed with oversized portions 76 relative to the surface area required for its mounting with second plate 66, the first plate 64 being connected directly adjacent mounting plate 54. Within oversized portions 76, mounting holes 78, 80 are included in each of plates 64, 66, respectively, to permit securement with an underside 81 of the flange 38. Mounting of each of the plates 64, 66 to the flange 38 is accomplished through use of a bolt 82 and nut 84. It is preferred that plate 64 be constructed of metal so as to allow a smooth interface with deck 10 upon mounting. Additionally, in an effort to reduce both costs of construction and the inconvenience of corrosion, it is contemplated that plate 66 will be made of plastic.

3. At page 8, line 18, please replace the paragraph beginning "As seen in Figure 11" with the following:

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As seen in Figure 11, another form of the invention accomplishes all of the advantages previously described while permitting greater adaptational capability of the device. Looking to Figure 11, there is provided a washing device 128 which uses flexible tube 134 that permits the tube of the device to be mounted adjacent to and around obstacles carried on the deck 10. With like reference numbers representing parts identical to those depicted in Figures 1-10, only differing components will be designated with different numbers. Inserted into opening 48 of fitting 46 is a first coupler 130, the engagement of the fitting 46 and the coupler 130 securing both to bracket 28. Placed within an opening 132 of coupler 130 is a an elongated member comprising a flexible, preferably plastic, tube 134

AB3 allowing the overall end-to-end dimension of the device 128 to be changed. As seen in Figure 11, at an opposite end 136 of the tube 134, a second coupler 138 is attached, the second coupler 138 positioned within a middle hole 142 of an adapter plate 144 used to enable connection of the tube 134, and therefore delivery of water, to the assembly 62. Like second plate 66, adapter plate 144, preferably made of plastic, is configured with three holes 142, 146 148, the middle 142 of which is a flow hole having two mounting holes 146, 148 on opposite sides. Similar to the connection of second plate 66, adapter plate 144 is connected to assembly 62 with the use of bolts and nuts. Through use of the above tube 134 and couplers 130, 138, disassembly of the device is easily accomplished so as to permit periodic cleaning of the device 128.
